

## House Resolution No. 787

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State collegiate sports programs that admirably embody the highest standards of sportsmanship, teamwork, training, and perseverance throughout the competitive season; and

**Whereas**, the University of Missouri-Columbia sponsors a football program whose 2007-2008 team earned a school-record 12-2 win-loss season record, won its first-ever Big 12 Conference North Division Championship with a 7-1 record in league play, was ranked number one in the nation, and was invited to compete in the Cotton Bowl; and

**Whereas**, on January 1, 2008, the Mizzou Tigers football team won its first New Year's Day Bowl victory since 1966 by beating 24th-ranked Arkansas by a score of 38-7; and

**Whereas**, one of only four schools to win twelve games this year, Mizzou's only losses both came from the Top-10 Oklahoma team that ended its own season with an 11-3 record; and

**Whereas**, the NCAA Division 1 Mizzou Tigers took regular season wins against Illinois, Ole Miss, Western Michigan, Illinois State, Nebraska, Texas Tech, Iowa State, Colorado, Texas A&M, Kansas State, and Kansas; and

**Whereas**, the 2007-2008 Mizzou Tigers team had two consensus first-team Associated Press All-Americans, Martin Rucker and Jeremy Maclin, for the first time in school history; a first-ever Heisman Trophy finalist, Chase Daniel; a Bear Bryant National Coach of the Year finalist, head coach Gary Pinkel; and the Rivals.com National Offensive Coordinator of the Year, assistant head coach Dave Christensen; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative actions in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri collegiate sports teams as the Mizzou Tigers for their momentous accomplishments:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the record-setting competitive season enjoyed by the 2007-2008 University of Missouri-Columbia football team and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon winning the Cotton Bowl on January 1, 2008; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the University of Missouri-Columbia football program.

Offered by Speaker Rod Jetton, District No. 156

Representative Judy Baker, District No. 25

Representative Jeff Harris, District No. 23

Representative Steve Hobbs, District No. 21

Representative Paul Quinn, District No. 9

Representative Ed Robb, District No. 24

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 787, adopted February 25, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker